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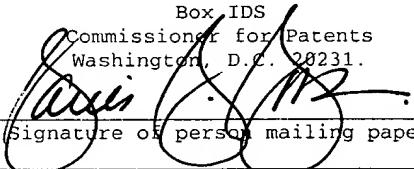


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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (c)(1), §1.97(e)(1), and §1.97(e)(2), Applicants submit the art listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and note that no fees are believed to be due in

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connection with this filing. Applicants submit this Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (c)(1), as Applicants are filing this Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement before the mailing date of a final Office Action on the merits, and this Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by statements in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) and 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(2). Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1), Applicants state that certain items of information contained in this information disclosure statement were cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement. As to all other items of information contained herein, Applicants further submit, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(2), that none of these items were cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

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Applicants respectfully request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the art listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified application. A copy of this art is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97(g) and (h), no representation is made that this art is material to patentability of the present application or that a search has been made.

The filing of this Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as an admission against interest in any manner, and shall not be construed as representation that Applicants or Applicants' attorneys have personal knowledge of the contents of the listed art or any events surrounding the listed art.

The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449, as indicated. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner then return to the undersigned a copy of the initialed and completed Form PTO-1449 that indicates the enclosed referenced art has been considered in its entirety.

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